

LOUGHBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR
December 31st, 1923



Area in statute acres	...	20,344
Population - Registrar General's Estimate		4,546
Number of inhabited houses	...	1,139
Average number of persons per house	...	4
Rateable value	...	£36,917
Approximate produce of a penny rate	...	£110

The physical features and general character of the District are an undulating rural district, high on the Eastern portion, namely, the parishes of Burton on the Wolds and Wymeswold, the lands of which are mainly used for cattle and grazing of sheep. Lower down, and nearer the borough of Loughborough, come the parishes of Prestwold, Cotes, and Hoton, consisting of rich fertile lands, and the same may be said of the parishes of Woodthorpe, Nanpanton, Thorpe Acre and Dishley. Garendon consists mostly of the demesne of that name. The parishes of Hathern, Long Whatton, and Belton consist largely of grazing land.

The condition of the inhabitants of the district is fairly prosperous. The chief occupation of the inhabitants is agriculture. There are no occupations having a prejudicial influence on the public health.

WATER SUPPLY The villages of Nanpanton and Thorpe Acre, Prestwold Hall, and Burleigh Hall have the public supply from the borough of Loughborough. Whatton Hall has a supply from the Derwent. In other parts of the district the water is supplied from wells, and as well water is constantly liable to change from pollution from the surface of adjoining grounds, movement of subsoil, etc.; this matter receives a considerable amount of attention from the Inspector of Nuisances. Ten samples of drinking water were submitted to me for analysis during the year - of these, five samples were condemned as unfit for drinking purposes. Five wells have been cleansed and repaired, and one well closed.

MILK SUPPLY The milk supply is derived from the farms of the district. There is milk imported, but considerable quantities are sent out of the district to London and elsewhere.

The drains are subject to regular inspection under the Dairies, Cowsheds & Milkshops Order, and a Veterinary Inspector is appointed to examine milch cows in the district. Every precaution is taken for the detection of tuberculosis of milch cows. The Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act 1922 is in force. There are 102 wholesale traders and producers on the Register. 242 inspections were made during the year, 79 defects were found, 37 required cleansing and limewashing, 42 required structural or sanitary improvements. Retail purveyors 11 on Register. 24 inspections were made. Seven contraventions were found, three required cleansing and limewashing, and four in which structural or sanitary improvements were needed.

OTHER FOODS There are no unsound foods prepared or exposed for sale in the district. A general supervision is exercised over slaughter houses, all of which are in a cleanly condition.

THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSE REFUSE This is done by the occupier. There is no public scavenging.

METHODS OF DEALING WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASES The compulsory Notification Act is in force. The County Council Isolation Hospital Scheme has been adopted by this Authority. Disinfection is carried out with sulphur di-oxide and formaldehyde spray.

SCHOOLS The schools of the district are administered by the County Council, and the medical inspection of school children is also arranged by them. During the year the following schools were closed for periods in consequence of infectious diseases - for whooping cough Wymeswold, Hathern and Belton; for measles, Belton.

METHOD OF CONTROL OF TUBERCULOSIS During the year two cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified, and during the period one death from pulmonary and one of other tuberculosis disease have been registered. Health Visitors are appointed by the County Council to visit and advise all cases of tuberculosis. The rooms occupied by the patients are periodically disinfected by the Sanitary Inspector, and when a death occurs, or a removal takes place, the houses are disinfected and cleansed.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED The total number of infectious diseases notified were 15, viz - Diphtheria 2, Scarlet fever 4, pneumonia 4, Erysipelas 1, and pulmonary tuberculosis 2. This is six less cases than last year. Three cases of Scarlet fever were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

Diphtheria	2 at Manpanton
Scarlet fever	3 at Long Whatton and 1 at Hathern
Erysipelas	1 at Hathern
Pneumonia	3 at Hathern and 1 at Belton
Pulmonary tuberculosis	2 at Woodthorpe

NUISANCES 155 nuisances were abated during the year

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year

(a)	Total	8
(b)	With State Assistance under the Housing Act 1919 or 1923	-
(1)	By the Local Authority	-
(2)	By other Bodies or persons	8

UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES For amount of work accomplished under this head see Inspector's Report attached hereto.

BIRTHS The total number of births registered belonging to the district was 77, which is 12 less than last year, and 8 below the average of the last five years, and is an annual birth rate of 16.9 per thousand of the estimated population. 42 of these births were boys and 35 girls. 2 of these births were illegitimate.

MORTALITY The total number of deaths registered belonging to the district was sixty, which is 13 more than last year and four above the average of the last five years, and is an annual death rate of 13.2 per thousand of the estimated population.

INFANT MORTALITY The total number of deaths of infants under one year of age is five, which is one more than last year and is an infant mortality of 64.9 per thousand births registered. Two of these deaths were illegitimate.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS During the year nine specimens were examined at the County Laboratory by Doctor Fairer, Assistant County Medical Officer. The specimens were as follows :-

Sputas for Tubercle Bacilli	...	5
Throat swabs for diphtheria	...	3
Sewage and water analysis	...	<u>1</u>
		<u>9</u>

FACTORY & WORKSHOP ACT In 14 cases nuisances were found and abated.

STATISTICS Mortality from adjoined causes :-

Measles 1, Whooping cough 4, pulmonary tuberculosis 1, other tuberculous diseases 1, Cancer 5, Diabetes 2, Cerebral Haemorrhage 4, Heart disease 14, Arterio Sclerosis 4, Bronchitis 3, pneumonia 1, other Respiratory diseases 1, premature birth 2, Suicide 1, other deaths from violence 1, other defined diseases 15.

BIRTHS

DEATHS

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	
Hathern	9	4	22
Long Whatton	7	7	6
Belton	6	7	6
Charley	3	-	1
Thorpe Acre & Dishley	2	1	3
Nanpanton	1	-	2
Wymeswold	5	13	10
Burton on the Wolds	3	2	5
Prestwold & Cotes	-	-	2
Garendon	1	-	-
Woodthorpe	2	1	1
Hoton	3	-	2
	<u>42</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>60</u>

From the Report of the Inspector of Nuisances attached hereto will be seen details of the amount of sanitary work accomplished during the year. Appended also are tabulated statistics as to population, births and deaths for the year, classified according to diseases and localities, copies of which, as well as of this report, will be sent to the Leics. County Council, the Home Office, and the Ministry of Health.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

N.B.M. BLACKHAM,
Medical Officer of Health.



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Year 1923

LOUGHBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Total No: of complaints received during the year	...	11
" " " inspections made for all purposes	...	1240
" " " notices served	...	123 Informal ... 114 Statutory..9
" " " summonses issued - convictions obtained -		

Insanitary houses (No. inspected .. 4) No: cleansed .. 4
(public Health Act 1875)

Overcrowding : No: of houses inspected ... 2

Offensive accumulations: No: inspected .. 7 Nuisances
abated ... 7

Closet Accommodation

Total No: in District
(1) Privies .. 396 (2) Pail closets .. 265 (3) W.Cs.. 39
privies (middens) No. of new provided - No. repaired .. 14
pails or earth closets - No. of new provided ... 7

Drainage and sewerage

Drains, drain traps etc. - No. inspected 240 Nuisances abated 31
Cesspools - No. repaired, cleansed, etc. ... 4
No. abolished and drains connected to sewer .. 2

Scavenging

How is refuse disposed of ? ... By the occupiers
Is refuse destructor available ... Yes
Ashbins - No: of new provided ... 7

Water Supply:

No: of samples taken for analysis .. 10 No: condemned .. 5
Wells - No. closed .. 1 No: cleansed, repaired etc. .. 5

Infectious Diseases:-

Houses - No. inspected ... 10 No. of inspections .. 25
No. disinfected (a) Houses .. 10 (b) Schoolrooms ... 3
What are the arrangements for disinfection of
(a) Bedding etc. Steam Disinfector
(b) Premises Sulphur candles by the Inspector

Food Supply:

Slaughter houses : No: in District (Rural) ... 5
General condition of slaughter houses ... Good
No. of inspections of premises ... Sixteen

Has public abattoir been established ? ... No
If not, what are the existing arrangements
for inspection of meat at time of
slaughter ... Periodical In-
spections

Milk Supply: (Dairies, Cowsheds, & Milkshops Order 1885-
1889 etc.,

Milk & Dairies (Amendment) Act 1922
Have regulations been adopted ? Yes
Has Veterinary Inspector been appointed Yes

Retail purveyors:

(a) Register - No: on ... 11
(b) Premises - Total No: of inspections made ... 24
No: of contraventions found ... 7
No: found to require -
(a) Cleansing ... 3
(b) Structural or sanitary
improvements 4



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Wholesale traders and Producers :-

(a)	Register - No: on	102	
(b)	Premises - No: of inspections made				
	(1) Total	242	
	(2) During milking time	..		5	
	No: of contraventions found			79	
	No: found to require :-				
	(1) Cleansing	...		37	
	(2) Structural or sanitary improvements	...		42	
	Total No: of milch cows in district			2074 approx:

Factory and Workshops Act, 1901

Workshops - No: on register (to include Bakehouses)	112
No: of nuisances abated	...
Bakehouses No: on register	...
No: of nuisances abated	...
Homework - No: of outworkers	...

HOUSING

Year ending 31st December 1923

No: of new houses erected during year - total eight.
(b) With State assistance - -

Unfit dwelling-houses

1. Inspection

1. Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 39
2. No: of dwellinghouses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 ... 20
3. No. of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation -
4. No: of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 20

11. Remedy of Defects without Service of formal Notice

No: of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... Sixteen

111. Action under Statutory Powers

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

- (1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... Four
- (2) No: of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied -
 - (a) by owners ... Four

H. J. MORGAN

May 15th 1924.

Sanitary Inspector.

